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IMPORTANT DAYS**Foundation Day of State Bank of India – Observed on July 01**

- An act was accordingly passed in Parliament in **May 1955** and the **State Bank of India** was constituted on **1 July 1955** by an act of Parliament
- SBI is the largest bank in world in terms of number of branches.
- SBI was established by nationalisation of **Imperial Bank of India**.
- **History: 2 June 1806** Bank of Calcutta, **15 April 1840** Bank of Bombay, **1 July 1843** Bank of Madras, **27 January 1921** Imperial Bank of India , **1 July 1955** State Bank of India.

About SBI:

- State Bank of India is an **Indian multinational, public sector banking and financial services statutory body**.
- **Chairperson:** Dinesh Kumar Khara
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai
- **Tagline:** Pure banking nothing else, With you all the way, The Nation banks on us, A Bank to the common man; A banker to every Indian.

National Chartered Accountants Day – Observed on July 01

- **National Chartered Accountant Day** is observed in order to celebrate the formation of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on **July 1st, 1949**.
- This year **73rd Chartered Accountants' Day** is celebrated.
- **ICAI** is the sole licensing and regulatory body for the financial audit and accounting profession in India.

Additional Info:

- **Chaturvedi family** is credited to be the **only family** in India to be Chartered Accountants in five generations.
- **G.P. Kapadia** was the first person to get a membership certificate by the ICAI.
- **Uday Kotak** Chairman of **Kotak Mahindra Bank** is richest CA in the world having the net worth of **14.70 billion USD**, He has featured in **Forbes** as India's top 10 richest man.

About ICAI: Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

- **Formed:** 01 July, 1949
- **President:** CA Nihar N Jambusaria

National Doctors' Day – Observed on July 01

- **July 1** is celebrated as **National Doctors' Day** by the **Indian Medical Association (IMA)**.
- This day is observed to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of **second Bengal's Chief Minister & the legendary physician Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy**.

About Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy:

- **Born on July 1, 1882 & died on the same date in 1962, aged 80 years.**

- This Day was first celebrated in the year 1991.
- He had served as chief-minister of WB from 1948-62.
- He was instrumental in establishing institutions like Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital, Chittaranjan Seva Sadan, among others.
- He was awarded with the Bharat Ratna on February 4, 1961.

About IMA: Indian Medical Association

- **Formed:** 1928
- **HQs:** New Delhi
- **President:** Dr. J A Jayalal

National Postal Worker Day – Observed on July 01

- **National Postal Workers Day** is celebrated annually on **July 1**.
- It was first celebrated in 1997.
- This year, this day is observed to **encourage us** to show our appreciation to those who work tirelessly even during COVID-19 pandemic to deliver our mail and deliveries on time.

About UPU: Universal Postal Union

- **HQs:** Bern, Switzerland
- **Formed:** 1874
- **Director-General:** Bishar Abdirahman Hussein

Goods and Services Tax Day – Observed on July 01

- **Goods and Services Tax Day** – Observed annually on **July 01**,
- This year India marks the **fourth anniversary** of the Goods and Services Tax (**GST**).
- The date **1st July** has been designated by the Central Government as '**GST Day**', which is celebrated every year to **mark the roll-out of the historic tax reform** in 2017.
- GST was launched on the intervening **night of June 30 and July 1, 2017** in a majestic ceremony held in the **Central Hall of Parliament**.
- The genesis of the introduction of GST in the country was laid down in the historic **Budget Speech of 28th February 2006**, wherein the then Finance Minister laid down **1st April, 2010** as the date for the introduction of GST in the country.

About GST:

- The **goods and services tax (GST)** is a tax on **goods and services** sold domestically for consumption.
- The **tax** is included in the final price and paid by consumers at point of sale and passed to the government by the seller.
- The **GST** is usually taxed as a single rate across a nation.
- In **India**, the idea of adopting **GST** was first suggested by the **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government** in 2000.

- The state finance ministers formed an Empowered Committee (EC) to create a structure for **GST**, based on their experience in **designing State VAT**.

There are 4 different types of GST:

- Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST)
- State Goods and Services Tax (SGST)
- Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST)
- Union Territory Goods and Services Tax (UTGST)

About GST Council:

- GST Council was established under Article 279(1) of Constitution of India by 101st constitutional amendment.
- Union Finance Minister is the ex-officio Chairperson of GST Council.

World UFO Day – Observed on July 02

- **World UFO Day** is celebrated to aware people to gather together and watch the skies for **Unidentified Flying Objects**.
- In some countries it is also observed on June 24.

Additional Info:

- The day was **first** observed in **2001** by UFO researcher Haktan Akdogan.
- On the day, people gather together to watch the skies looking for **extra terrestrial objects**.

About Unidentified Flying Objects:

- An unidentified flying object is **any aerial phenomenon** that **cannot immediately be identified or explained**.
- Most UFOs are identified or investigated as conventional objects or phenomena.

World Sports Journalists Day – Observed on July 02

- **World Sports Journalists Day** is celebrated across the world on **2 July** every year.
- The **main objective** is to support the **work of sports journalists** and **encourage them** to do better in their work.

Additional Info:

- In **1924**, at the time of the **Paris Olympics**, this day was named **World Sports Journalists Day** by the **International Sports Committee**.
- It was found **all over the world** and united by the **International Sports Press Association**.

About Sports journalism:

- **Sports journalism** is a form of writing that **reports** on matters pertaining to **sporting topics** and **competitions**.

- There are many different forms of sports journalism, ranging from play-by-play and game recaps to analysis and investigative journalism on important developments in the sport.

About AIPS: In International Sports Press Association

- **Founded:** 1924
- **HQs:** Lausanne, Switzerland
- **President:** Gianni Merlo

International Day of Cooperatives – Observed on First Saturday of July

- **International Co-operative Day** is celebrated on 03 July in 2021.
- It is a co-operative movement observed on the **first Saturday in July** since 1923 by the International Co-operative Alliance.
- **Theme of International Co-operative Day 2021: 'Rebuild Better Together'**.

Additional Info:

- The aim of this celebration is to increase awareness of cooperatives.
- **Cooperatives are** voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political, or religious discrimination.

About International Co-operative Alliance:

- **HQs:** Brussels
- **Founded:** 1895
- **President:** Ariel Guarco

World Zoonoses Day – Observed on July 06

- **World Zoonoses Day** commemorates the work of **French biologist** Louis Pasteur; on **6 July 1885**
- On this day Pasteur successfully administered the **first vaccine against rabies, a zoonotic disease.**
- **World Zoonoses Day theme, 2021: "Let's Break the Chain of Zoonotic Transmission".**
- This year, a new assessment offers **ten recommendations** on how to prevent and respond to future pandemics.

Additional Info:

- A zoonosis is **an infectious disease** that has jumped from **anon-human animal to humans.**
- Zoonotic pathogens may be **bacterial, viral or parasitic,** or may involve **unconventional agents** and can spread to humans through direct contact or through food, water or the environment.

World Chocolate Day – Observed on July 07

- **World Chocolate Day**, sometimes referred to as International Chocolate Days, is annually celebrated globally on **July 7**.
- The observance of World Chocolate Day dates back to 2009 and some suggest July 7 in particular celebrates the introduction of chocolate to **Europe in 1550**.

Additional Info:

- Chocolate contains both **caffeine** and **theobromine** (Xantheose).
- Chocolate is the **richest natural source** of theobromine.
- **Theobromine** is an alkaloid, a family of compounds that many plants produce, including the cacao plant.
- Chocolate is made from **cacao**, which comes from the **seeds of the Theobroma cacao tree**.
- **The Ivory Coast and Ghana** are by far the **two largest producers of cocoa**, accounting for more than 50 percent of the world's cocoa.
- **The United States, Germany, Switzerland, and Belgium** are top chocolate producing countries.

National Fish Farmers' Day – Observed on July 10

- The **National Fish Farmers Day** is celebrated on **10th July every year**.

History:

- This day is celebrated in **memory of scientists** Dr K. H. Alikunhi and Dr H. L. Chaudhary.

Contribution:

- Both the scientist successfully demonstrated **Hypophysation** (technology of induced breeding) in Indian Major Carps (common name for several species of fish) on 10th July 1957 at the former CIFRI Pond Culture Division in Cuttack, Odisha.

Additional Info:

- This year it was the **63rd National Fish Farmers Day**.
- This day is made to honor the **fish farmers, aqua preneurs, fisher folks, stakeholders** and whoever else is associated in fishery for their contribution in fishery.
- On the occasion of 'National Fish Farmers Day' that **NFDB in collaboration with the NBFGR** will take up the work to **establish "Fish Cryobanks"** in different parts of the country.
- This would be the **first time in the world** when "Fish Cryobank" will be established.

World Population Day – Observed on July 11

- **World Population Day** is an annual event, observed on **July 11** every year, which seeks to raise awareness of global population issues.
- **Theme 2021: "Rights and Choices are the Answer: Whether baby boom or bust, the solution to shifting fertility rates lies in prioritising all people's reproductive health and rights."**

Additional Info:

- The event was established by the **Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme** in **1989**.
- The day was first celebrated on **July 11, 1987**, inspired by the celebration of “**Five Billion Day**” as the world's population reached 5 billion.

National Simplicity Day – Observed on July 12

- On **July 12, National Simplicity Day** is observed to commemorate Henry David Thoreau, an author, poet, and philosopher.
- Thoreau offered ways for **individuals to tap within themselves** and be happier via a less busy lifestyle in his book “Walden” (1854) and other publications.
- He urged people to live simply by getting rid of superfluous possessions.
- National Simplicity Day arose from a desire to be free of the **world's complexity and to enable us to simply be simple**.
- This day focuses on disconnecting from technology and unneeded stress in order to embrace life as it is and not to complicate things.

World Malala Day – Observed on July 12

- **World Malala Day** Observed on **July 12**
- At age 17, **Malala** was the **youngest recipient** ever of the **Nobel Peace Prize**.

Additional Info:

- On this day in 1997 **Malala Yousafzai** was born in Pakistan and in 2013 on the same day i.e.12th July she gave her historic address in United Nations.
- From **2014 onwards**, United Nations has decided to celebrate this day as **Malala Day** in her honour.
- The day also honors the rights of children and women.

World Snake Day – Observed on July 16

- **July 16** is annually celebrated as **World Snake Day**.
- **World Snake Day** is to increase awareness about the **different species of snakes** all around the world.

Additional Info:

- Aimed at creating awareness and celebrating these mysterious creatures, the day highlights the fact that snakes are threatened by many of the same issues that affect all wildlife, including habitat loss, climate change, and disease.

World Day for International Justice – Observed on July 17

- **World Day for International Justice**, also referred to as **Day of International Criminal Justice** or **International Justice Day**, is an international day celebrated throughout the world on **July 17** as part of an effort to recognize the emerging system of international criminal justice.
- **theme for the Day of International Criminal Justice: "social justice in the digital economy"**
- It marks the importance of fighting against impunity and bringing justice for the victims of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.
- The World Day for International Justice is celebrated to commemorate the **historic adoption of the Rome Statute** and establishment of the new system of international criminal justice **in the year 1998**.

World Emoji Day – Observed on July 17

- **World Emoji Day** is celebrated on **17 July**, intended to celebrate emoji; in the years since the earliest observance, it has become a popular date to make product or other announcements and releases relating to emoji.
- The main objective of the day is **to promote the usage of emojis in our conversations**.
- **Unicode consortium** has a set of members who vote and submit their opinion on the emojis that come for approval.

Nelson Mandela International Day – Observed on July 18

- **Nelson Mandela International Day** is an annual international day in honour of Nelson Mandela, celebrated each year on **18 July, Mandela's birthday**.
- **Theme: "One Hand Can Feed Another"**

Additional Info:

- The day was officially declared by the United Nations in November 2009, with the first UN Mandela Day held on 18 July 2010.
- This day honors the great legacy of Nelson Mandela and his values.
- **Nelson Mandela** (country's first black president) served as South Africa's president from **1994 until 1999**.

International Chess Day - Observed on July 20

- The **International Chess Day** is celebrated **annually on July 20**, since 1966, the day the International Chess Federation(FIDE) was founded, in 1924.
- **FIDE's motto 2021 : "Teach someone how to play chess."**
- The idea to celebrate this day as the international chess day was **proposed by UNESCO**.
- Chess is one of the ancient games with a combination of sport, scientific thinking, and elements of arts.

Science Exploration Day – Observed on July 20

- **Science Exploration Day** (also called **Moon Day**) is marked every year on **20 July**. It was on this day in 1969 that **Neil Armstrong** and **Edwin ‘Buzz’ Aldrin** became the first humans to land on the Moon’s surface.
- Neil Armstrong was the first man to set foot on the moon’s surface. The Armstrong- Aldrin duo spent **21.5 hours** on the surface of the moon out of which they spent **2.5 hours** outside of their capsules.

World Brain Day – Observed on July 22

- The **World Federation of Neurology (WFN)**, established on July 22 1957, celebrates **World Brain Day** on July 22 every year, as suggested by the **Public Awareness and Advocacy Committee**.
- **World Brain Day 2021 theme: "Stop Multiple Sclerosis"**.
- The **main objective** of this day is to **increase public awareness** and **promote advocacy** related to brain health.
- The **theme** for this year’s **campaign** is “our brain, our future”.

National Broadcasting Day celebrated on 23rd July

- **National Broadcasting Day** is observed on **July 23** across the country every year.
- The **Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC)** started organising radio broadcasting from **Bombay station** on this day in 1927.
- To mark the event, **All India Radio (AIR)** conducted a symposium on **Creation of New India and Broadcasting Medium** in **New Delhi**.
- Radio broadcasting services began in India during the **British rule in 1923** under the initiative of the **Radio Club of Bombay**.

Aaykar Diwas (Income Tax Day) – Observed on July 24

- **Aaykar Diwas (Income Tax Day)** observed on **July 24th** every year

Additional Info:

- It was on **24th July, 1860** that **Income Tax** was introduced for the first time in India by **Sir James Wilson** to compensate for the losses incurred by the **British regime** during the first war of independence against **British Rule**.
- **Several outreach programmes** have been organized across the country to promote payment of taxes as a value norm and for sensitizing potential tax payers that payment of taxes was an ethical duty of all citizens.

World Drowning Prevention Day – Observed on July 25

- The **United Nations** has designated **July 25** every year as the **World Drowning Day**.

Additional Info:

- An estimated 236,000 people drown every year, and drowning is among the ten **leading causes of death for children and youth aged 1-24 years**.
- More than 90% of drowning deaths occur in rivers, lakes, wells and domestic water storage vessels in low- and middle-income countries, with children and adolescents in rural areas disproportionately affected.

Kargil Vijay Diwas – Observed on July 26

- **Kargil Vijay Diwas** is observed in **honour of the war heroes**.
- Kargil Vijay Diwas is on **26th of July**.
- On this date in 1999 India successfully took command of the high outposts.

Additional Info:

- Dubbed '**Operation Vijay**', the campaign held on **July 26, 1999**, saw the Indian Army seizing back control of key outposts in Ladakh after ousting Pakistani troops from the region.

International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem – Observed on July 26

- The **International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem**, adopted by the General Conference of the **UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** in **2015** and celebrated **annually on 26 July**, aims to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as “a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem” and to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation and uses.

Mangrove conservation:

- Mangrove conservation efforts are largely aimed at preventing destruction of mangrove ecosystems, and increasing coverage.
- A key issue is **not just destruction** but degradation of mangrove ecosystems, through pollution, siltation, changes in salinity or loss of biodiversity.

Largest Mangrove Forest in the world:

- The **Sundarbans Reserve Forest (SRF)**, located in the south-west of Bangladesh between the river Baleswar in the East and the Harinbanga in the West, adjoining the Bay of Bengal, is the largest contiguous mangrove forest in the world.

CRPF observes 83rd Raising Day – Observed on July 27

- The **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** celebrated its **83rd Raising Day** all over the country. Raised on **July 27, 1939** in **Neemuch (M.P)** as Crown Representative Police, this Force has displayed numerous examples of courage, patriotism and national service, in the past 83 years.
- From the first year of its inception, this Force started fulfilling responsibilities assigned to it.

- In **1949**, the **Force** was rechristened as Central Reserve Police Force and has evolved as a Force indispensable for the internal security of the nation.
- **CRPF Raising Day** was also celebrated in **Group Centre Kootah (Hiranagar)** in which chief guest of the program DevendraYadav DIG paid floral tributes to the martyrs of the Force at 'Shaheed Smarak'.
- After that saplings were planted by officers and personnel of Group Centre Hiranagar.

World Nature Conservation Day - Observed on July 28

- **World Natural Conservation Day** is celebrated **every year on July 28** to raise awareness about the importance of working for a healthy environment.
- The **Theme** of the World Nature Conservation Day 2021 is '**Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet**', around which the whole observation of this year will revolve.
- The day aims at promoting best practices to protect our environment.
- **Human activities** since the last century or so have
- had a **devastating impact on natural vegetation and resources**.
- The quest for **rapid industrialization and cutting down of forest cover** to make space for the ever-growing population brought climate change and other environmental implications.
- While **awareness about environment conservation** has grown in the past few years, we still have a long way to go before positive steps show their result.

To protect our environment concentrate on:

- Cut down on plastic use
- Save Electricity
- Save water
- Recycle-Reuse
- Check e-waste

World Hepatitis Day – Observed on July 28

- **World Hepatitis Day** is commemorated **each year on 28 July** to enhance awareness of viral hepatitis, an inflammation of the liver that causes a range of health problems, including liver cancer.
- **This year's theme** is "**Hepatitis can't wait**", conveying the urgency of efforts needed to eliminate hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030.
- **This day aims to raise global awareness of hepatitis** — a group of infectious diseases known as Hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E — and encourage prevention, diagnosis and treatment.
- **Hepatitis B** is a liver infection caused by a virus (called the hepatitis B virus, or HBV).
- It can be serious and there's no cure, but the good news is it's easy to prevent.

International Tiger Day – Observed on July 29

- **Global Tiger Day**, often called **International Tiger Day**, is an annual celebration to raise awareness for tiger conservation, held **annually on 29 July**.
- The **theme** for the **2021 International Tiger Day** is **“Their survival is in our hands”**.
- It was created in 2010 at the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit in Russia.
- The **population of the national animal of India** has been affected by several factors like illegal wildlife trade, human wildlife conflict, habitat loss, and fragmentation.

World Day against Trafficking in Persons – Observed on July 30

- United Nations observes **30 July every year** as **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons**.
- The **2021 theme** for World Day against Trafficking in Persons is Victims **“Voices Lead the Way”**.
- This year’s **theme** puts victims of **human trafficking at the centre of the campaign** and will highlight the importance of listening to and learning from survivors of human trafficking.

International Day of Friendship – Observed on July 30

- An **International Friendship Day** was first proposed on **July 30, 1958** by the **World Friendship Crusade**, an international civil organization that campaigns to foster peaceful culture through friendship.
- Finally on April 27, 2011, **United Nations' General Assembly declared July 30 as official International Friendship Day**.
- **“Sharing the human spirit through friendship”** is the **theme** of World Friendship Day for the **current year**.
- The day was first organized by the founder of Hallmark Cards, Joyce Hall in 1930.

World Ranger Day – Observed on July 31

- **World Ranger Day** is celebrated on **July 31** of every year.
- World Ranger Day **pays tribute to the Rangers** who are injured and killed in the line of duty and celebrates their colleagues who still boldly undertake their role in the field to **protect the world’s natural and cultural treasures**.
- The **Thin Green Line** to raise awareness of the vital work performed by Rangers of the world’s parks which range from environmental campaigning to education.

World Chess Day celebrated on July 20; marks the date of establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Paris in 1924.

- United Nations celebrates **World Chess Day** globally on 20 July every year.
- The day marks the date of the establishment of the **International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Paris in 1924**.
- To celebrate the International Chess Day 2020 top chess personalities will participate in a high-level virtual event **“Chess for Recovering Better”**.



- Secretary-General of United Nations: António Guterres.
- President of International Chess Federation (FIDE): Arkady Dvorkovich.

World Rankings

- Men's Category: The top 3 ranked players are Magnus Carlsen, Fabiano Caruana and Ding Liren.
- Women's Category: The top 3 ranked players are Hou Yifan, Aleksandra Goryachkina and Koneru Humpy.

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